**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 29 August 2021**

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**Theme : JESUS Our HIGH PRIEST Forever**

**Godliness is Commitment by Steadfastness in Pattern in GOD’s Word, Keeping by the SPIRIT.**

**2 Timothy 1: 13 – 14**

Hold fast the Pattern of Sound Words which you have heard from me, in Faith and Love which

are in CHRIST JESUS. That good Thing which was Committed to you, Keep by the HOLY SPIRIT

Who Dwells in us.

**Sense of Urgency to Be Speaker of the WORD In Season & Out of Season, in Truth & in Love.**

**2 Timothy 4: 2 (AMPC)**

Herald and preach the Word ! Keep your sense of Urgency [stand by, be at hand and Ready],

whether the Opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as Preacher of the Word are to show people in what way

their lives are wrong.] And Convince them, Rebuking and Correcting, Warning and Urging and Encouraging them, being unflagging and Inexhaustible in Patience and Teaching.

**Being Rebuked by the LORD, is to Result in Overcoming Changes, in Repenting of Self Will.**

**Revelation 3: 21b (AMP)**

“I will Grant to him [the Privilege] to sit beside ME on MY Throne, as I also Overcame and Sat down beside MY FATHER on HIS Throne.”

**Believers in A Church must have An Attitude of Hearing GOD’s WORD by the SPIRIT, to Obey.**

**Revelation 3: 22 (AMP)** “ ‘He who has An Ear, let him Hear and Heed what the SPIRIT Says to the churches.' "

**Time is NOT a Limiting Factor in Reaping, as It is the LORD’s Harvest, Sowing is Continuous.**

**John 4: 34 – 35 (AMP)**

JESUS said to them, "MY Food is to Do the Will of HIM Who sent ME and to completely Finish HIS Work. Do you not say, 'It is still four months until the Harvest comes? ' Look, I say to you, raise your eyes and look at the fields andsee, they are white for harvest.

**Not to look Outwardly at Ourselves, but Inwardly we are Renewed Daily in Exceeding Glory.**

**- Reference - 2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 17 (AMPC).**

**Our Initial Walk in CHRIST, we have A High Priest Who Lived as we do, Yet was Without Sin.**

**Hebrews 4: 14 – 16 (AMP)** Inasmuch then as we [believers] have a Great HIGH PRIEST who has [already Ascended and]

Passed through the heavens, JESUS the SON of GOD, let us hold fast our confession [of faith

and cling tenaciously to our absolute Trust in HIM as Savior]. For we do not have a High Priest

Who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses andtemptations, but

ONE Who has been tempted [knowing exactly how it feels to be human] in every respect as we are,

Yet Without [committing any] sin. Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the Throne of Grace

[that is, the Throne of GOD's Gracious Favor] with confidence and without fear, so that

we may receive Mercy [for our failures] and find [HIS Amazing] Grace to Help in time of Need

[an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].

**Hebrews 5: 5b – 6**

But it was HE Who said to HIM: "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU." As HE also says in another place: "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO

THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK".

**JESUS as a SON, Learnt ACTIVE OBEDIENCE, Passivity is Not Being Obedient to the LORD.**

**Hebrews 5: 8 – 10 (AMP)**

Although HE was a SON [Who had never been disobedient to the FATHER], HE Learned [Active, special] Obedience through what HE Suffered. And having been Made Perfect [uniquely equipped and prepared as Savior and Retaining HIS Integrity amid opposition], HE became the Source of Eternal Salvation

[an eternal inheritance] to all those who obey HIM, being Designated by GOD as HIGH PRIEST

according to the Order of Melchizedek.

**GOD Sworn that CHRIST Chosen be Sworn & Not Changed HIS Decision, be A Priest Forever.**

**Psalm 110: 4**

**The LORD has Sworn and will not Relent, "YOU are a Priest Forever According to the Order of Melchizedek."**

**Not Attaining Spiritual Maturity by Just Maintaining Spiritual Health by Repetitious Soft Food.**

**Hebrews 5: 12 (AMP)**

For though by this time you ought to be teachers [because of the time you have had to learn these Truths], you actually need someone to teach you again the elementary Principles of GOD's Word

[from the beginning], and you have come to be continually in need of milk, not Solid food.

**Hebrews 5: 13 – 14 (AMP)**

For everyone who lives on milk is [Doctrinally inexperienced and] unskilled in the Word of Righteousness, since he is a SpiritualInfant. But Solid Food is for the [Spiritually] Mature, whose Senses are Trained by Practice to distinguish between what is morally good and what isevil.

**Not Be Happy with Elementary Teachings of Principles & Not Develop Spiritual Maturity.**

**Reference - Hebrews 6: 1 – 2.**

**Repentance have to Follow Up with Spiritual Enlightening & Consciously Experiencing GOD.**

**Hebrews 6: 4 – 6 (AMP)**

For [it is Impossible to Restore to Repentance] those who have once been Enlightened [Spiritually] and who have tasted andconsciously experienced the Heavenly Gift and have shared in the HOLY SPIRIT, and have Tasted andconsciously Experienced the good Word of GOD and the Powers of the age (world) to come, and then have fallen away - it is impossible to bring them back again to repentance, since

they again nail the SON of GOD on the Cross [for as far as they are concerned, they are treating the Death of CHRIST as if they were not saved by it], and are holding HIM up again to public disgrace.

**The LORD Saves for HIS Purpose, for the Diligence of HIS People having Burden for Souls.**

**– Reference - Hebrews 6: 7 – 9.**

**Hebrews 6: 10 – 12 (AMP)**

For GOD is not Unjust so as to forget your Work and the Love which you have shown for HIS Name in Ministering to [the needs of] the saints (GOD's people), as you do. And we desire for each one of you

to show the same Diligence [all the way through] so as to realize and Enjoy the full Assurance of Hope until the End, so that you will not be [spiritually] sluggish, but [will instead be] imitators of those who through Faith [lean on GOD with absolute trust and confidence in HIM and in HIS Power] and

by patient Endurance [even when suffering] are [now] inheriting the Promises.

**JESUS is Our Living HOPE to Cling on as an ANCHOR to Secure our Entry into HIS Sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 6: 18 – 20 (AMP)** So that by two Unchangeable things [HIS Promise and HIS Oath] in which it is Impossible for GOD to lie, we who have fled [to HIM] for Refuge would have strong Encouragement andIndwelling Strength to

hold tightly to the Hope set before us. **This Hope** [this confident Assurance] we have as **An Anchor of the Soul** [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it] - a Safe and Steadfast Hope that enters within the Veil [of the Heavenly Temple, that Most Holy Place in which

the very Presence of GOD Dwells], Where JESUS has Entered [in advance] as a Forerunner for us,

having become A HIGH PRIEST Forever according to the Order of Melchizedek.

**JESUS CHRIST was Sworn In as High Priest Forever, Declared Again in Psalm.**

**The LORD has Sworn and will Not Relent, "YOU are a Priest Forever according to the Order of Melchizedek." - Psalm 110: 4**.

**The Honoring Title of ‘The Order of Melchizedek’ was An Oath Sworn by the LORD GOD.**

**Melchizedek has the Name as KING, and Given A Title as KING of A Place, ‘SALEM’.**

**Hebrews 7: 1 – 4 (AMP)**

For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High GOD, met Abraham as he returned from

the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of all [*the spoil*].

He is, first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, which means king of peace. Without [any record of] father or mother, nor ancestral line,

without [Any Record of] beginning of days (birth) nor ending of life (death), but having been made

like the SON of GOD, he remains a Priest without interruption andwithout successor. Now pause and consider how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a Tenth of the spoils.

**Reference – Genesis 14: 11 – 24 ; Slaughter of the kings, to rescue Lot from king of Sodom.**

**Genesis 14: 14 (AMP)**

When Abram heard that his nephew [Lot] had been captured, he **armed** and **led out his trained men,** **born in his own house,** [numbering] three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far [north] as Dan.

**Melchizedek has No Ancestry and Not Descendant of Levitical Priesthood to Collect Tithes.**

**Hebrews 7: 5 – 6 (AMP)**

It is true that those descendants of Levi who are charged with the priestly office are commanded in the Law to collect Tithes from the people - which means, from their kinsmen - though these have descended from Abraham. But this person [Melchizedek] who is not from their Levitical ancestry received Tithes

from Abraham and blessed him who possessed the Promises [of GOD].

**Hebrews 7: 14 – 20 (AMP)**

For it is Attested [by GOD] of HIM, "YOU (CHRIST) ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO

THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."  For, on the one hand, a former commandment is cancelled because of its weakness and uselessness [because of its inability to justify the sinner before GOD] (for the Law never made anything perfect); while on the other hand a Better Hope is introduced through which

we now continuallydraw near to GOD. And indeed it was not without the taking of An Oath

[that CHRIST was made Priest].

**JESUS is Sworn IN Permanently, Perfectly as our Great HIGH PRIEST Forever Eternally.**

**Hebrews 7: 24 – 26 (AMP)**

But, on the other hand, JESUS Holds HIS Priesthood permanently and without change, because

HE Lives on Forever. Therefore HE is Able also to Save Forever (completely, perfectly, for Eternity) those who come to GOD through HIM, since HE always Lives to Intercede and Intervene on their behalf [with GOD]. It was fitting for us to have such A High Priest [Perfectly Adapted to our needs], Holy, Blameless, Unstained [by sin], Separated from sinners and Exalted higher than the heavens.

**Hebrews 9: 14, 15 (AMP)**

How much more will the Blood of CHRIST, Who through the Eternal [Holy] SPIRIT Willingly Offered HIMSelf Unblemished [that is, without moral or spiritual imperfection as a Sacrifice] to GOD,

Cleanse your Conscience from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the Ever Living GOD ?

For this reason HE is the Mediator and Negotiator of a New Covenant [that is, an entirely New Agreement uniting GOD and man], so that those who have been Called [by GOD] may receive [the Fulfillment of]

the Promised Eternal Inheritance, since a Death has taken place [as the Payment] which Redeems them from the sins committedunder the Obsolete first covenant.

**Believers in CHRIST, ReBirth by the SPIRIT, ReBorn to Die Once, as for Judgement Once.**

**Hebrews 9: 27 – 28 (AMP)**

And just as it is Appointed andDestined for all men to die once and after this [comes certain] judgment,

so CHRIST, having been Offered once andOnce for All to bear [as a burden] the sins of many, will appear a Second Time [when HE Returns to earth], not to deal with sin, but to bring salvation to those who are eagerly andconfidently Waiting for HIM.

**Hebrews 10: 16 – 22 (AMP)**

"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL IMPRINT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL INSCRIBE THEM [producing an Inward Change],"  HE then says, "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS ACTS

I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE [no longer holding their sins against them]."

Now where there is [Absolute] Forgiveness and complete Cancellation of the Penalty of these things, there is no longer any offering [to be made to atone] for sin. Therefore, believers, since we have confidence and Full Freedom to enter the Holy Place [the place where GOD dwells] by [means of] the Blood of JESUS, by this New and Living Way which HE Initiated andOpened for us through the Veil

[as in the Holy of Holies], that is, through HIS Flesh, and since we have A Great and Wonderful Priest [Who Rules] over the House of GOD, let us approach [GOD] with a true andsincere heart in unqualified Assurance of Faith, having had our hearts sprinkled Clean from an evil conscience and our bodies Washed with Pure water.

**COMMUNION**

**REFERENCE: 1 Corinthians 11: 24 – 26; 27 – 31**